

## **Resources for Introduction to Developmental Disabilities**

**ACT Advocating Change Together** This Website contains resources for learning about self-advocacy. “Offense Taken” video is available, as are books, products and training programs. <http://www.selfadvocacy.com/>

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Developmental Disabilities** This Website Links to information about various types of disabilities from vision and auditory impairment to intellectual and developmental disabilities. Information about particular conditions, like cerebral palsy and autism spectrum disorders is available, as are data sets about disabilities and some of the known causes and possibilities for prevention of disability. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/dd/default.htm>

**Center on Human Policy: The Center on Human Policy, Law and Disability Studies** This Website is put out by a Syracuse University based policy, research, and advocacy organization involved in the national movement to ensure the rights of people with disabilities. It focuses on the promotion of inclusive community opportunities in all aspects of life for people with disabilities. <http://thechp.syr.edu>

**Disability History Museum** This Website is a disability history museum, library and educational resource center online. The library contains an extensive collection of historical photographs as well as documents from the past that can inform how people viewed disability in different eras. <http://www.disabilitymuseum.org>

**Disability Social History Project** This Website contains timelines of the disability movement and biographies of individuals with disabilities. There are links to disabilities arts and culture, history, blogs and studies. <http://www.disabilityhistory.org/>

**Disability Social History Project: Beyond Affliction** An extensive National Public Radio documentary covering the progression of the disability history and civil rights movement over time. Explores the history of oppression, pity, self-advocacy, education, work and inclusion. <http://www.npr.org/programs/disability>

**The Family Village: A Global Community of Disability Related Resources** This Website provides information and resources about all kinds of disabilities. It covers many aspects of living with a disability from addressing educational, legal and medical issues to participating in one’s community. Visitors to this site can access helpful articles or chat online with other people with disabilities and their families. It is offered through the Waisman Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. <http://familyvillage.wisc.edu>

### **First Signs: Early Intervention**

This website provides information about early detection of autism in a gentle way. There is a lot of information about red flags and developmental concerns as well as a video. In addition, there is supportive information to help help families cope. Some state-specific information and resources are included. <http://www.firstsigns.org/>

**Mayoclinic.com** Information about different diseases and conditions from an easily searchable database. Focus is on diagnosis, medical conditions and treatment. <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/DiseasesIndex/DiseasesIndex>

**Merck Manual of Medical Information: Intellectual Disability** This portion of an extensive Website on medical information provides definitions of different categories of intellectual disability. It also delves into specific conditions and causes that are known. It gives an introduction to diagnosis and preliminary treatment. <http://www.merck.com/mmhe/sec23/ch285/ch285a.html>

**National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities** This Website provides many links to national resources on disabilities focused on developing inclusive communities and more self-directed services and supports. Searchable database is also available. <http://www.nacdd.org/site/home.aspx>

**National Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center** Provides information and resources for learning about Early Intervention screening, medical, social and educational services provided in each state. There is much information about laws and funding sources surrounding early intervention for children with special needs. <http://www.nectac.org/default.asp>

**The National Fragile X Foundation** This Website provides information for medical and social services professionals as well as family members of people with Fragile X. There is information for the newly diagnosed as well as adults with Fragile X. Covers resources in education, assistive technology, and services. Some information is presented in Spanish as well. <http://www.fragilex.org/html/home.shtml>

**The Quality Mall** This Website provides comprehensive information on person centered services. There are products, books, videos, self-advocacy information, online chat possibilities and other resources for people with disabilities and their family members. <http://www.qualitymall.org>

**Prader-Willi Syndrome Association** Information and connections for families and professionals supporting people with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Offers helpful products and assistive devices. There is also information about the dignity of risk, least restrictive environment and balancing choice and safety. <http://www.pwsausa.org/faq.htm>

**Spina Bifida Association** This Website provides comprehensive information about living with the condition of Spina Bifida. There are fact sheets, information about clinics and programs and services. <http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org>

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